



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It has come to the attention of the Members of
3 this Body that the Illinois Farmers Union is celebrating its
4 50th anniversary this year; and

5 WHEREAS, The Illinois Farmers Union is an affiliate of the
6 Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union of America,
7 chartered on August 12, 1954, for the purpose of accomplishing
8 tasks that are impossible to accomplish on an individual basis;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Some of the goals of the Farmers Union are: to
11 strengthen family farms and prevent the exodus of farmers from
12 the land; to gain economic justice for farmers; to give farmers
13 a voice in shaping the world in which they live; to improve
14 standards of living for all people; to create a peaceful world;
15 to promote agriculture as the No. 1 industry in Illinois; to
16 promote the use of agricultural products and value added
17 products which will utilize the labor and natural resources of
18 Illinois; to develop a tax system which does not put the entire
19 burden of funding education on property owners; to lobby for
20 legislation which is good for rural Illinois and against
21 legislation that our members feel is detrimental to agriculture
22 and to the rural population of Illinois; and to promote
23 policies which will encourage family farmers to remain on the
24 land and preserve our most valuable natural resource - the
25 capacity to produce food; and

26 WHEREAS, The Illinois Farmers Union has contributed to the
27 farming community in many ways, including: getting the number
28 of farm vehicle plates allowed increased from two to five;
29 helping to establish the Agri-Chemical Fund and staving off a
30 2% tax on farm chemicals and fertilizers; relieving the
31 liability of directors and officers of soil and water districts
32 for damages in the performance of their jobs; allowing electric

1 and telephone cooperatives to keep excess income payments owed
2 to members who can't be located; working for the passage of
3 legislation that extends the sales tax exemption to ethanol
4 producers and encourages motor fuel distributors to expand
5 their use of gasohol so that, by 1997, 50% of all motor fuels
6 sold in Illinois will contain ethanol; and working for the
7 passage of legislation that prohibits the misrepresentation of
8 the effect of the use of gasohol on motor vehicles; therefore,
9 be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
12 congratulate the members of the Illinois Farmers Union on their
13 50th anniversary, wish them success in reaching their future
14 goals, and commend them for the service they have provided to
15 the farming community; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
17 presented to Board Chairman Larry Lieb and President David
18 Fredrickson.